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**Comments of Postal Connections #146 on Docket No. MC2012-26**

With Docket No MC2012-26 the USPS is attempting to add a new product to compete with my small business during these difficult times. The Post Office has never offered an email notification service or street addressing. They also regulate the rights of CMRA's such as mine to return mail to sender and forward mail. Why must the USPS find it necessary to compete and place additional hardships on my small business? I am in a competitive market and my mailbox rentals are lower than last year at this time.

This is not a matter of fair competition. It is about adding services that will increase the USPS cost of operations from unions labor hours, new equipment, marketing, and other direct and indirect expenses. The cost will come from regulated postage, express delivery services and other products further plunging the USPS into government dependency and price increases. This trend continues despite their unwillingness to offer wholesale prices on postage products so we can sell more. It is another attack on small businesses by a big government entity.

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